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Testimony re: Section 10 of HB 6672

I think it is outrageous this proposal is even under consideration. Had former Senator Daily gone on to serve another term, there is no doubt she would have prevented such nonsense. If this state property can not be subdivided and transferred to private hands, then no public land in Connecticut is safe for development. It is a sad moment when the hysterical forces of preservation can prevail over those who would actually contribute something to this state's economy. Mark my words, other potential developers will learn of this and flee to more hospitable jurisdictions.

Now I learn the state is actually allowing weeds to grow in this formerly pristine wildlife management area. Rather than finding ways to block development, I would urge this committee to instead investigate how weeds were allowed to propagate on the land and just who might be responsible. At a minimum, the DEEP Commissioner needs to be called upon to testify and offer an explanation. Indeed, it is the Governor who shoulders ultimate responsibility.

Connecticut is rapidly turning into a laughingstock. Visitors from other states ask me how it is that the Haddam area of the Connecticut River was never developed and if our citizens are too lazy to build. Sadly, I am forced to admit this appears to be the case. I must paraphrase our adopted son, Mark Twain, with his observation that first God created imbeciles, which was for practice. Then he created development opponents. What sort of a state would allow the potential to acquire 87 acres of pristine swamp, ledge and partially-logged forest to pass through its fingers when this property had been generously made available for public acquisition at a pittance? A stupid state. We are being played for fools by the preservationists.

I suggest the committee rethink this matter and come to its senses before yet another potential investment in the quality of life in this state falls prey to the preservationist mob. If you allow yourselves to succumb to mob rule, we are finished as a viable state. The good, hard-working citizens of this state are depending upon you to hold firm and stand squarely with the silent majority favoring unfettered development. Hopefully, we can put this sad chapter behind us, and someday look out upon a river valley teeming with development and the commerce this will engender. Hopefully, travelers across the swing bridge will no longer be forced to witness a barren wilderness likely teeming with predators, and Connecticut can finally enter the 21st Century

. Please rethink this section and do not act in haste to destroy the hard work and sacrifice of so many for so long. Thank you for your consideration of this vital matter.

Sincerely,

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